

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Steve C. Davis

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on **Monday, August 23, 2010**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:10 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Steve C. Davis, Council District No. 8; Committee Member Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1; Committee Member Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2; Committee Member Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3; Committee Member Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4; Committee Member Dennis L. Fish, Council District No. 5; Committee Member Jack H. Schurlock, Council District No. 6; Committee Member Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7; County Supervisor Daniel W. Davis, ex-officio; Ms. Nicole Scott Ewing, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Chairman Steve Davis called the meeting to order. Committee Member Pinckney gave the Invocation, and Committee Member Cathy Davis led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Steve Davis asked for approval of minutes from a meeting of the Committee on Justice and Public Safety held June 14, 2010.

It was moved by Committee Member Pinckney and seconded by Committee Member Callanan to **approve** the **minutes** as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

A. Mr. Rembert Wrenn, Berkeley County Fire Commissioner, Re: Transfer of Pool Fire Fees to the following Rural Fire Departments:

- 1. Caromi Rural Fire Department – \$1,252.69
[PR 1500 Radio]**
- 2. Pimlico Rural Fire Department – \$19,224.00
[needed equipment such as hoses, nozzles, helmets]**

Mr. Chip Boling, Deputy Supervisor: “Mr. Chairman, Council, Mr. Wrenn couldn’t be with us tonight. He had a death in the family, and they had burial this afternoon. I respectfully

request transfer of Pool Fire Fees to the following Rural Fire Departments: Pimlico Fire Department – \$22,800.00, Whitesville Fire Department – \$8,038.00 and Lake Moultrie Fire Department – \$2,331.35, for a total of \$33,169.35.”

It was moved by Committee Member Pinckney and seconded by Committee Member Fish to approve the transfer of Pooled Fire Fees, as follows: Pimlico Fire Department, \$22,800.00; Whitesville Fire Department, \$8,038.00; and Lake Moultrie Fire Department, \$2,331.35, a total of \$33,169.35.”

Committee Member Farley: “I have some concerns about the Training Center.”

Mr. Boling: “They pulled it off the list for the time being, and they’ll come back with a more detailed report.”

Committee Member Farley: “Ok.”

Mr. Boling: “They only have the three items that I suggested – the Pimlico Fire Department, Whitesville Fire Department and Lake Moultrie Fire Department.”

Committee Member Farley: “They pulled Jamestown Rural also?”

Mr. Boling: “Yes, Sir.”

Committee Member Fish: “Mr. Chairman, would you repeat those? Which three are you talking about?”

Mr. Boling: “Pimlico Fire Department, Whitesville Fire Department and Lake Moultrie Fire Department.”

Ms. Barbara Austin, Clerk of Council: “Mr. Boling?”

Mr. Boling: “Yes, Ma’m.”

Ms. Austin: “If you will put them on hold one minute, I’ll make copies for them.”

Mr. Boling: “Yes, Ma’m.”

Committee Member Callanan: “Mr. Chairman?”

Chairman Steve Davis: “Yes; go ahead, Tim.”

Committee Member Callanan: “The number for Pimlico was twenty-two and change, is that...”

Mr. Boling: “Yes, Sir; \$22,800.00.”

Committee Member Callanan: "Ok; did that change since the last time we – since we got our agenda, or is it something..."

Mr. Boling: "Yes, Sir; in essence, the number that Mr. Wrenn provided was – had been transposed by the Fire Department, and so they..."

Committee Member Callanan: "Ok; thank you."

Mr. Boling: "...by the Fire Board, rather, and they corrected it today."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Steve Davis: "Yes."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Chip, did Rembert list anything of where these monies are going towards?"

Mr. Boling: "Yes, Sir; the Pimlico Fire Department is going for equipment, hoses, nozzles and helmets and that sort of thing. The Whitesville Fire Department and the Lake Moultrie Fire Departments are repairing their trucks. They have a pump that went out on both of those trucks. The Whitesville Fire Department is repairing the pump in total, and Lake Moultrie actually has some folks that will actually do the work. They're just buying the parts to fix it."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Anyone, by chance, put on there, like, with Pimlico, when the last time they ordered hoses – just they need them?"

Chairman Steve Davis: "I would like to have, if it's the Committee pleasure, I would like a detailed itemization of some of these costs. You put \$22,800 – you put equipment hoses, nozzles and helmets – mostly, how my wife goes shopping. I would feel more better in these dire economic times to have a better feel for how we derived at \$22,800, in lieu of some documents in front of me, which suggests one time was \$19,224. I would like to have some itemization – I would ask this committee. Now, how dire the circumstances are in relationship to Lake Moultrie, excuse me, Whitesville Fire Department where the pump needs repair. I'm a little more concerned about that being passed tonight."

Mr. Boling: "Yes, Sir; I don't have any other detail other than what Mr. Wrenn's provided, but I do know that, obviously, those pumps on those trucks need to be repaired so that they can be put back in service."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Steve Davis: "Yes."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "I talked with the Chief of Whitesville. Those are a pumper and repairs to that truck, and it's pretty urgent we get that taken care of. And, also with Lake Moultrie, it's real urgent to get all that stuff kind of taken care of. Their kind of small

items compared to that bigger one. I would like to see at least Whitesville and Lake Moultrie get consideration for approval.”

Chairman Steve Davis: “I have no problem with that, but, you know, as it stands now it’s all three. I would need some amendment to kind of exclude Pimlico until we could have an itemization.”

Committee Member Callanan: “Mr. Chairman, the gentleman from Pimlico is actually here. Am I correct on that? And, so, can you shed some light on this. If we give them the opportunity to provide us something, you know, there’s no reason for us to delay it.”

Committee Member Call: “Mr. Chairman?”

Chairman Steve Davis: “Yes.”

Committee Member Call: “While we’re waiting, if I may have a couple of minutes. We have with us tonight Mr. Ian Rines. He’s the son of our GIS Department Head, Greg Rines. He’s a Freshman at Berkeley High School, and he’s getting school credit for being here with us tonight. So, stand up Ian so they can see you.”

[clapping]

Committee Member Schurlknight: “Mr. Chairman?”

Chairman Steve Davis: “Yes.”

Committee Member Schurlknight: “I do have a question. The gentleman from Pimlico, probably, could answer this. If you could just state your name and address for the record, please.”

Mr. Donald Dean, Pimlico Fire Department Deputy Chief: “Yes, Sir; I’m Donald Dean, Deputy Chief of the Pimlico Fire Department.”

Committee Member Schurlknight: “Donald, I just had a quick question about – as I look down through this, we’re talking about supply hoses, master flow attack hose and all this other stuff, are these hoses already surpassed their life expectancy? Are there dates or is there any longevity left in the hoses?”

Mr. Dean: “The five-inch hose was donated to us. It is springing leaks, and it’s part of the new mission requirement that we have five-inch, and we only have one truck equipped with five-inch. Like I said, it was loaned to us. We’re springing leaks, and that’s what we need to match up to hydrants and other departments.”

Committee Member Schurlknight: “Ok; so, that’s the first three items, I guess. The yellow rubber supply is those donated hoses – five-inch?”

Mr. Dean: "Right."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Attack hose – it's \$4,100.00? It's springing leaks too?"

Mr. Dean: "Yes; some of it is, and we want to go up to an inch and three-quarter for the safety – water flow for the safety of our fire fighters. And, our present nozzles are underrated. We need new nozzles for the flow, flow rating."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "So, you're just trying to get more flow out of larger diameter hoses and nozzles?"

Mr. Dean: "Going to the attack hose; yes, Sir. And, the nozzles we have are underrated. They're not sufficient."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Good; thank you."

Mr. Dean: "And, I'd like to also add on the helmets on here – our helmets are from the 1980's. They're not safe."

Chairman Steve Davis: "I want to thank you for making this list available. You understand with this issue of transparency in reference to the taxpayers' dollars, it's just incumbent upon us as a Committee to make sure that the money that is spent is spent in a manner that is consistent. I commend you for your service, all fire fighters who give up their time and effort. I hope you appreciate the necessity that we needed this, but this would suffice me to say there's no need to hold this any further, and I'm prepared if this Committee's prepared to vote at this time, and move forward."

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Fish to **adjourn** the meeting of the Committee on Justice and Public Safety. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

September 15, 2010

Date Approved

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AGENDA

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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June 14, 2010

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August 18, 2010
S/Barbara B. Austin, CCC
Clerk of County Council

ADDENDUM

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	4.	Training Center:	\$19,000.00
	5.	Lake Moultrie Rural Fire Department:	\$ 2,331.35
	6.	Whiteville Rural Fire Department:	\$ 8,068.00

August 19, 2010
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 Clerk of County Council